

Jennings County Commissioners Meeting

Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room

November 21, 2019

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was George Lanz with Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz with update on Bridge 76. The historic significance of the bridge needs to be determined in order to use Federal money. He has 3 alternatives for the new bridge. The proposed bridge will go below where the existing bridge is downstream. This will allow the traffic to use the existing bridge and then will tie in the approaches and the road will be shut down for a very limited amount of time. Construction would begin July 2021. Highway inspectors have to keep up inspections until construction starts.

Next on the agenda is Nicci Lucas with revisions on the Employee Handbook. Ellie has reviewed the revisions. The main changes are the travel policy, changes from an 8 hour day to a 7 hour day, changing of the pay date. These changes have been made since Nicci came on as HR. All forms have been updated in the back of the handbook. If this gets approved this evening she will present it at the Winter Conference on December 6, 2019. Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the revisions and Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda, Bill Dorsett from the Recycle Center reported that on Tuesday when they are closed the gates are always closed. However people dump things at the gate when they are closed. He was asking if they could have security cameras set up to view their gate. Bill also asked for help on putting beams up on a shelter house in the County Park. Matt told him to have Greg get in touch with Jim Reeves and see what they can help with.

Matt brought up the Chase Roll Tort Claim-where a young boy put new tires and wheels on his car and then hit a spot in the road. Jim Reeves called and said he investigated the area and felt like it was our fault because when the culvert was replaced they did not get the blacktop put back over as wide as what the rest of the road was so there is a void there. This has since been repaired but Jim did recommend that we pay the torque claim. Matt asked Tessia to check with the insurance and see whether to file it with them or pay it. The amount is \$700.11. Bob Willhite made the motion to pay the claim, Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Last meeting the ordinance for the Convention and the Visitors was tabled. Ellie has assured Matt that there are no problems with them. Ellie said that this is how State Board of Accounts wants it. We can adopt this but we will have to revamp tourism in 2020 to conform. Bob Willhite made the motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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The 2020 Holiday Schedule, 2020 Commissioners Meetings and 2020 payroll dates are on the agenda next. Matt's recommendation for all 3 of those is that the 3 commissioners take home and look at them and review them. This will be brought back for approval the first meeting of December. Bob made a motion to go ahead and approve the dates. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

SIRPC appointments were discussed. John Post and Bob Willhite will stay on the board. They will ask other elected officials and bring that back to next meeting. Dave Lane made the motion to put Bob Willhite and John Post on the SIRPC Board. Matt Sporleder seconded.

Nicci brought a travel request from Jerry Shepherd at a cost of 0 to the count. Bob Willhite made the motion to approve. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

John Post said the Town of Vernon Clerk's office will be moving to the Fire Dept at 1st of year. He said they will need somewhere to have their meetings the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm. The Commissioners Meeting Room was being requested. Matt said that would be fine as long as it doesn't interfere with anything else on the schedule.

Tessia brought up the Winter Conference on December 6th. Some employees are asking about bringing their own alcohol. Ellie said that it would have to be run by the insurance company. Bob Willhite made the motion no alcohol is to be brought in to the event. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Willhite made the motion to approve the prior minutes. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Willhite made the motion to sign payroll and claims. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

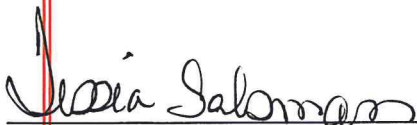
Nicci Lucas, HR, requested an Executive Session ASAP. This will be Tues, November 26 at 8:30am.

Bob Willhite made the motion to adjourn. Dave Lane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

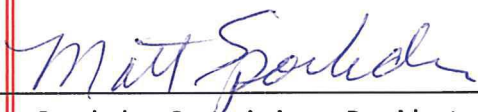
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Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President



Bob Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



David Lane, Commissioner